

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, Aaron Gurley, and Nick Culley, Youth Liaison, answered roll call.

PUBLIC HEARING: Vacation of Alley – The area of land that is being requested to be vacated is 127 N Spencer. It extends from the little league diamond out to Spencer. The request is being made by Lee Glover. Director Burklow said he does not see any issues not to vacate. One of the neighboring property owners has asked that boulders be put in place to keep people from going onto his property. Berkemeier said he has checked out the property and there is nothing much to it. Glover has said he will improve the property. Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. We are allowed to continue to use zoom for meetings as long as 50% of the board members are present.
2. We are preparing to update our personnel policy hand book. If you have ideas or suggestions please get them to us. We are looking at 2 firms to oversee the project. We have one proposal and are waiting for the second one. Gurley provided the name of Servant HR out of Fishers as another possibility.
3. On April 23 the engineers will be walking the next phase of 8th Street.
4. On Friday, Brian Sheehan, Deputy Chief Justice, Chief Munson and I will be in Union City.
5. Sunday we had a visitor, Nate Robert-Eze. Nate was an intern for the City 5 years ago.
6. April 27 Ocra will be in town.
7. April 28 the City of Auburn will be in town for a tour.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier reported that this is Child Abuse Awareness month. He wanted to express support to the Rush County Prevent Child Abuse group for their efforts in this endeavor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ECDC** – John McCane said he was notified Monday that the City will receive \$250,000.00 for businesses struggling through Covid.
- **Stellar Designation** -
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Work was done today to run fiber between the amphitheater and overlook.
- **Community Center** – John McCane and Phil King are on the Community Center Committee. The committee has been working on interviews with potential partners.
- **Housing** – The project is progressing. This past weekend 2 of the apartments received tenants. All of the apartments are spoken for.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Councilman Marzon reported that they had a meeting last week at BTW with Imagination and Rush County Arts Council. This was a good opportunity for the 2 groups to meet. After our meeting we toured the building renovation. It is looking good. Marzon stated that this is a fitting group for the space.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal Control – Director Hanna reported that they have come to an agreement on the kennels. Indiana Wire Company did final measurements and she approved the layout. They are starting production tomorrow. We are also looking into landscaping.

Fire – Chief Munson said the Board of Works approved promoting Justin Cameron to the position of Lieutenant beginning April 24.

Munson, Justice, Tucker, and Bridges attended More for Kids etiquette dinner.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that there was a claim on this docket for a patrol car. You will also begin seeing claims for installation of the equipment.

Planning and Zoning – BZA meeting tomorrow.

Park – Director Burklow reported that the Park Board approved the list of pool employees for this year. The pool has been filled. We know at least one pump is working.

We continue monitoring the Overlook.

The Little League jamboree parade is scheduled for May 1st.

GIS – We had an IT meeting today. We are getting ready to build our fiber layer. It will show which locations have fiber. At the end of the month they should have 22 cameras up at the overlook and 6 cameras at the Police Department.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CCMG Update** – The Board of Works approved the scope change on 2020-2 & 2020-3.
2. **Protest Guidelines:**
 - Ordinance 2021-6 Noise Control – Markups need to be turned in to Tucker to approve at the next meeting.
 - Ordinance 2021-7 Special Events –
3. **Ordinance 2021-12 Off Road Vehicle Usage (UTV Permitting)** – Chief Tucker said he had one change on page 5 number 10 we need to remove **and UTV side-by-side vehicles**. Tucker said he has no argument that would hold water against the ordinance. We just need to have an ordinance that we can enforce. He suggested a provision not to start registration until July so he has ample time to prepare registrations. Funding would go to the LECE fund. Marzon moved to approve Ordinance 2021-12 with Tucker's deletion and not to begin registrations until July. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Trane**
 - SB1 PP – Adam Dollarhide, plant manager, was present to answer questions. Bridges moved to approve the new SB1 and Resolution 2021-8. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - CF1 PP – Berkemeier move to approve the CF1. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - This year Trane will celebrate 50 years.
2. **General**
 - **Alley Vacation West of Spencer Street and East of Little League** – Berkemeier moved to table. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2021-7 Supporting DNR Project-Flatrock River Stream and Wetland Restoration Project** – DNR will be here the 18th of May.
4. **Resolution 2021-10 Temporary Loan** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2021-13 Relief of Water Payment for Pool** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-13. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **Willkie Park** – Mayor Pavey urged Council to review the new layout of Willkie Park.

7. **South Veteran's Park Gazebo** – Mayor Pavey asked for ideas of what to do with the area if the gazebo is removed. Bridges said it is a gathering place for kids but not for positive things. This makes parents not wanting to take their kids to this park. Chief Tucker said they caught kids a few weeks ago doing damage and the matter was taken to the Prosecutor he said he will not order restitution due to the state of the structure. Gurley made a motion to have the Street Department demolish the gazebo as soon as possible. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor Pavey reported that Rush County is still in a blue status. Vaccinations are accepting ages 16 and older. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is on pause.

CLAIMS: Gurley moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was nothing further to come before Council; the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.